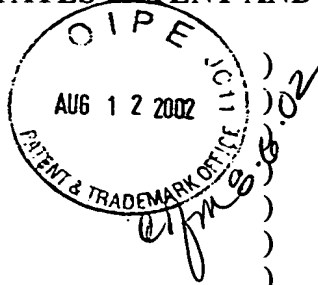


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the pending paragraph [0027] on page 6 of the Specification with the following:

As illustrated in FIGS. 8 and 9, the integrated extendable load floor assembly 10 includes a latch mechanism, generally indicated at 62, to latch the drawer 34 in a closed position relative to the rear end 16 of the vehicle 12. The latch mechanism 62 includes a striker 64 attached by suitable means such as a bracket 66 to a rear bumper 68 adjacent the floor 20 of the rear end 16. The bracket 66 is attached to the rear bumper 68 by suitable means such as fasteners

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